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MINUTES.

Association met, according to adjournment of the last Association, with the Walnut Creek Church, at Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio. Meeting opened by singing hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Prayer by Elder T. Swartout. Introductory sermon by Elder Ira Turner, of Illinois, from 144 Psalm, 11th verse to end of chapter; after which the letters from the several churches were read, and contents noted, as follows, viz:

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### FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Welborn.

Roll of messengers was called.

On motion, by Elder L. T. Ruffner, rules were suspended and Moderator and Clerk elected by ballot.

Whereupon the Council became organized by electing Elder D. T. Poynter Moderator, and T. J. McNaghten, Clerk.

On motion, the Council adopted the rules of decorum as the order of business for the day.

Invited all ministers of the gospel and messengers from corresponding associations to seats in Council.

The following committees were appointed :

1st. On arrangement of the business of the Association and to inspect circular letter—D. P. Spitler, H. O. Blue and Franklin Updike.

2d. On preaching—Messengers of Walnut Creek Church.

3d. On funds and visitation meetings—Brethren John A. Glasscock, Robert Peters and Wm. Smith.

Correspondence called for. Messengers responded as follows :

Muskingum—Elder E. Barker, with minutes.

Sandusky—Elder Thomas Swartout, with minutes.

Mississinewa—Elder Wm. Buckles.

Owl Creek, Harmony—Elder A. S. Shoemaker, with minutes.

On motion, the above correspondents were received.

Circular letter read by the writer, Elder D. T. Poynter, and referred to the Committee on Arrangements, including the writer, to be reported to-morrow.

Associations desiring correspondence called for.

Churches desiring membership called for.

Whereupon Mount Pleasant Church presented a letter, with messengers bearing the same, asking for membership ; and, on motion, it was received.

On motion, Elder G. N. Tussing was appointed to prepare the corresponding letter, to be presented to-morrow.

On motion, corresponding messengers were appointed as follows :

To Muskingum, Elder G. N. Tussing.

To Mississinewa, Elder L. T. Ruffner.

To Sandusky, Elder Z. K. Holliday.

To Owl Creek Harmony, Elder Thomas Cole.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Benediction by Elder Holliday.



SATURDAY MORNING'S SESSION.—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Elder Wm. Buckles, of Indiana.

Roll called and list corrected.

Committee on Arrangements report order of business same as last year.

Corresponding letter called for and read by the writer, Elder G. N. Tussing, and on motion it was received.

Report of the Committee on Funds, as follows :

Received contributions, . . . . .	\$64 78	
Distributed as follows :		
Minutes and Clerk, . . . . .	\$22 00	
Muskingum, Elder G. N. Tussing, . . . . .	8 56	
Sandusky, Elder Z. K. Holliday, . . . . .	12 85	
Owl Creek Harmony, Elder Thomas Cole, . . . . .	4 28	
Mississinewa, Elder L. T. Ruffner, . . . . .	14 59	
For printing rules of decorum, . . . . .	2 50	
Total, . . . . .	\$64 78	\$64 78

On motion, the Committee on Funds report to the Clerk.

On motion, Committee of Preaching report to the Moderator.

The circular letter was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

On motion, Elder Thomas Cole to write the circular letter for the ensuing year.

It was agreed to hold our annual session with the Turkey Run Church, Fairfield county, Ohio, convening on Friday before the third Sunday in August, A. D. 1889. Those coming by railroad, on the Muskingum Valley, will get off at Amanda ; on Scioto Valley, at Ashville ; on Hocking Valley, at Winchester, where trains will be met Thursday evening and Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, Committee to revise Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, was allowed \$2.50 for printing the same.

The old Articles of Faith being found, were retained.

On motion, the Rules of Decorum and Order of Business, presented by said Committee, were read and adopted as printed in the Minutes.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Elder David Bartley.

ELDER D. T. POYNTER, *Moderator.*

THOMAS J. McNAGHTEN, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

THE SCIOTO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NOW IN SESSION WITH THE WALNUT CREEK CHURCH, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, TO THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHOM SHE CORRESPONDS, SENDETH CHRISTIAN LOVE :

VERY DEAR BRETHREN :—We wish to express once more our fellowship for you in the gospel of Christ, amid the many, lo ! heres of our time, and we feel refreshed by the coming of your messengers, who bear the tidings

of the gospel of our salvation in the simplicity of the same, and desire a further continuance of your tokens of love and Christian fellowship.

Our minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association.

BRETHREN, FAREWELL.

#### CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE ELDERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE SCIOTO PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SENDETH CHRISTIAN SALUTATION, GREETING :

DEARLY BELOVED :—In as much as it is a time-honored custom among us to have a circular letter to accompany our minutes, we know no reason why we should discontinue the practice ; though there have been some very unpleasant things grew out of circular letters among us as Baptists, owing to a departure from the intention of a circular letter when first introduced among the Baptists. The history of the Baptists show that a circular letter was only intended to be an epistle of love and good works to the brethren ; but the introduction of long, doctrinal circulars have made trouble among Baptists. But our intention in this is to adhere to the old land marks, and simply introduce an epistle of love ; quoting from Paul to the Hebrews : “ Let brotherly love continue.” The best way to let brotherly love continue is to watch carefully, and do nothing to hinder it ; for it is a principle embodied in the Christian religion by its divine author that will continue, if all will be careful to do nothing to hinder it. Let us consider the great necessity of laboring and striving for peace among ourselves ; pray with and for one another, strictly adhering to the admonition of Paul to the Ephesians : “ To endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.” For there are many, lo ! heres, lo ! theres ; but, dear brethren, let us not go after them, but take the word of the Lord as the man of our counsel, endeavoring to learn what God has commanded of us, putting the most simple interpretation on the thing God has commanded of us. For it is the right of our King to command, and ours to obey ; and He has commanded us to love one another ; and “ love is the fulfilling of the law.” And to be born of God, is to be born of love. And, O ! dear brethren, the great necessity of our continuing in that love. And whenever we come together as an Association, or as a Church, let us come together in love and fellowship ; and in the language of the Apostle, “ esteem others better than ourselves,” “ and so fulfill the law of Christ.” For, undoubtedly, other than that would be to violate the law of Christ ; and, if violaters, we wil have to suffer the penalty as such ; for the penalty is sure to be inflicted, and we will have to suffer its consequences. And, dear brethren, in order to do this, we must expect to mortify our old nature many times.

But let us consider the language of that beloved disciple, that leaned upon the bosom of Jesus, when he said, “ Little children, love one another ; for love is of God.” He that is born of God, loves God. “ And if ye love him that begat, ye must also love him that is begotten of him.” In the language of Paul, “ Be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you.” Dear brethren, if we do this we will have no trouble wrangling and disputing among ourselves. Upon this subject volumes might be written ; we deem it inexpedient. Let us endeavor to reduce what is written to practice, and may the God of all grace help us so to do. *Farewell.*



### VISITATION MEETINGS.

PLEASANT RUN.—Third Sunday in October and Saturday before—W. R. Welborn, W. L. Lines. First Sunday in November and Saturday before—George Waddle. Third Sunday and Saturday before in May, 1889—Earl Mabry and Z. K. Holliday.

LAURELVILLE.—Third Sunday and Saturday before in October (2 o'clock P. M. on Saturday), Elders Hoppes and Yoeman.

PAINT CREEK.—Commencing on Friday evening before the fourth Sunday in November—G. N. Tussing; commencing on Friday evening before the fourth Sunday in February, 1889, Z. K. Holliday; fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May (2 P. M. on Saturday), E. Barker.

LICKING.—First Sunday and Saturday before in October, John Struble; first Sunday and Saturday before in June, John Prichard.

MT. OAK.—Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September (10 A. M. each day), Z. K. Holliday; second Sunday and Saturday before in May (2 P. M. on Saturday), L. B. Hanover.

WALNUT CREEK.—Second Sunday and Saturday before in November, W. Yoeman; first Sunday and Saturday before in February, Earl Mabry; second Sunday and Saturday before in May, Elders Dodd and Barker, with F. McGlade as alternate.

MT. PLEASANT.—Third Sunday and Saturday before in October (2 P. M. Saturday), Robert Peters.

LAUREL.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in — (10 A. M. each day), Z. K. Holliday.

RICHARDS RUN.—Second Sunday and Saturday before in May, E. Barker.

TURKEY RUN.—First Sunday and Saturday before in November, D. T. Poynter and G. N. Tussing; fifth Sunday and Saturday before in December, J. Prichard and Tussing; fifth Sunday and Saturday before in March, L. B. Sherwood and Tussing.

All the above meetings to be at 11 A. M. unless otherwise mentioned.

### PREACHING FROM THE STAND.

Friday A. M., Elder Ira Turner—cxliv. Psalm.

Friday P. M., Elder J. J. Van Horn—Collos. 1; 12, 13, 14.

Elder L. B. Hanover—1st Cor. xv., 3.

Elder W. R. Welborn gave an exhortation.

Saturday A. M., Elder Will Cornell—1st Cor., iii. chapt.

Elder Thomas Swartout—Acts iv., 2.

Saturday P. M., Elder A. S. Shoemaker—1st John iii., 14.

E. Barker—Ephe. ii., 4, 5, 6.

Elder John Prichard—St. John xiv., 15.

Sunday A. M., Elder W. R. Welborn—St. John iii., 5.

Elder David Bartley—Titus ii., 11, 12, 13, 14.

Elder Wm. Buckles—Romans iii., 4.

Sunday P. M., Elder Ira Turner—Isaiah liii., 11.

Elder Archie Brown—2d Tim. i., 7, 8, 9.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Pleasant Run—T. J. McNaughten, Pleasantville, Fairfield county, O.  
Licking—A. M. Smith, Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, O.  
Union—Mary Whisler, Whisler, Pickaway county, O.  
Laurel—Martin Goss, South Perry, Hocking county, O.  
Walnut Creek—H. H. Hite, Thurston, Fairfield county, O.  
Friendship—Wm. Smith, Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, O., box 29.  
Richards Run—Able Powell, Newingsburg, Ross county, O.  
Turkey Run—H. O. Blue, Nebraska, Pickaway county, O.  
Clinton—J. H. Walcutt, North Columbus, O.  
Yoeman Chapel—M. A. Keaton, Harris Station, Ross county, O.  
Mt. Oak—A. H. Hornbeck, South Solon, Madison county, O.  
Laurelville—A. Martin, Laurelville, Hocking county, O.  
Darbyville—Frank Updike, Orient, Pickaway county, O.  
Mt. Pleasant—George Waddle, Sabina, Clinton county, O.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF ELDERS OF SCIOTO ASSOCIATION.

Elder Z. K. Holliday, Thurston, Fairfield county, O.  
“ D. T. Poynter, No. 47 Wilson street, Newark, O.  
“ George Waddle, Sabina, Clinton county, O.  
“ John Hoppes, Sabina, Clinton county, O.  
“ Thomas Cole, Royalton, Fairfield county, O.  
“ G. N. Tussing, Columbus, O.  
“ Robert Peters, Circleville, O.  
“ L. T. Ruffner, Millersport, Fairfield county, O.  
“ Earl Mabry, Bookwalter, Fayette county, O.  
“ Walter Yoeman, Bookwalter, Fayette county, O.

LICENTIATES.

D. P. Spitler, Pleasantville, Fairfield county, O.  
Fred. Denewitz, Chillicothe, O.  
J. R. Smith, London, O.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder Thomas Swartout, Woodstock, Michigan.  
“ David Bartley, Newcastle, Ind.  
“ W. C. Cornell, Lytle, Warren county, O.  
“ Frank McGlade, Centerville, Montgomery county, O.  
“ W. R. Welborn, State Roads, N. C.  
“ Archie Brown, Cynthia, Posey county, Ind.  
“ J. J. Van Horn, Hebron, O.  
“ Wm. Buckles, Dunkirk, Jay county, Ind.  
“ E. Barker, Gratiot, Licking county, O.  
“ Ira Turner, Palmyra, Illinois.  
“ George Burley, Hopewell, Muskingum county, O.  
“ L. B. Hanover, Centrevillage, Delaware county, O.  
“ John Prichard, St. Louisville, O.



John Bolen, Newark, O.

John Struble, Chesterville, Morrow county, O.

Lewis Herrod, Maringo, Morrow county, O.

Wm. H. Fisher, Lancaster, O.

Silas Debolt, Upper Sandusky, O.

John T. Neal, ( Licentiate ) Millersport, Fairfield county, O.

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## Deceased Members.

*"At Rest."*

Pleasant Run—Johnathan Peters, aged 92 years ; A. J. Mesnard, aged 73 years.

Walnut Creek—Sister Barbra Bibler, aged 48 years.

Friendship—Simeon Peters, aged 69 years ; Sister Mary A. McCofferty, aged 73 years ; Abraham Bibler, aged 71 years.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. After the introductory sermon, the moderator shall cause the letters from the several churches to be read and handed to the clerk, who shall enroll the names of the messengers bearing the letters.

2. Upon the meeting of the council at the place of business, after praise and prayer, the clerk shall call the roll of messengers, after which the council shall become organized by choosing a moderator and clerk by ballot.

3. The council being thus organized, the moderator shall invite all ministers, who are in good standing at home, to seats in council with us.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order, and to put all motions that receive a second, and undergo a free investigation that come before the council, except withdrawn by the mover and by the consent of the second ; and in case of tie the moderator shall give the casting vote.

5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint a committee of three to inspect circulars ; the writer included if present.

6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint a committee of three to receive and distribute the funds, and to report the same at the next day's session.

7. The moderator shall appoint a committee of two, who shall obtain the postoffice addresses of the ministers present, and report the same with the texts preached from the stand during the Association, to the clerk.

8. The moderator shall appoint a committee of two to receive requests for visitation meetings, and report the same to the clerk.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a correct record of the business transacted by the Association, attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes, and shall receive five dollars for his service.

10. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint one member from each church in the Association to arrange the preaching at the stand.

11. Any member making a motion or speaking to one already made, shall arise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted, unless he depart from the subject matter under consideration, when he shall be called to order by the moderator, or any other member.



12. If any church shall fail to attend, by letter or messenger, for three successive years, a committee of two shall be appointed to visit her and ascertain the reason of her failing to represent, and shall report at the next annual session.

13. Any church making application for membership in this body, shall produce satisfactory testimonials of her faith and practice, and must receive the full vote of the members present.

14. Every church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall each be entitled to a vote.

15. Any brother while speaking shall not cast any censorious reflections upon any brother, who may have spoken before him; and whosoever violates this rule shall be reproved by the moderator.

16. When any church becomes disorderly in faith or practice, and persists in her course, shall be dropped from our body by a majority of the members present.

17. These rules shall not be altered, except by a concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, but in all cases not herein provided for, a majority shall rule.

18. The title of our churches shall be The Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

1. Praise and Prayer.
2. Roll Call of Messengers.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Reading of the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
5. Invitation of ministers of the Gospel and messengers present to seats in Council with us.
6. Committee on Circular Letter appointed.
7. Committee on Finance appointed.
8. Committee on Post Office addresses of Ministers and Texts.
9. Committee on Visitation Meetings.
10. Reading of the Circular Letter.
11. Correspondence from Sister Associations to be read.
12. Opportunity given to churches wishing to apply for membership.
13. Opportunity given to Associations wishing to open correspondence with this body.
14. Person appointed to write Corresponding Letter.
15. Messengers to Corresponding Associations appointed.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Adjournment.

### SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

1. Praise and Prayer.
2. Roll Call and list corrected.
3. Report of Committee on Circular Letter.
4. Corresponding Letter to be read.
5. Report of Committee on Funds.
6. Person appointed to write Circular Letter.
7. Where shall the next Association be held.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.
10. Benediction.







